MR. MADDEN'S STATEMENT

Misrepresentations Made by Many Publishers.

TERMS OF RULING

Through statements reported to the department as having been openly made by various publishers, post office-efficials have been much misrepresented recently in connection with the Postmaster General's ruling which denies to premium publications second-class rates. Postmaster General Smith and Mr. E. C. Madden, third assistant postmaster general, in whose province the classification of mail matter rests, conferred on the subject yesterday and this morning, and the latter issued subsequently a sweeping denial of all the allegations reported. The effect of Mr. Madden's statement is briefly that the department's attitude is now what it was when the "premium publications order" was issued by Mr. Smith, and that there is no disposition to change. Premium publications—that is, publications which build up their subscription lists chiefly through a system of pre miums for subscriptions—are denied the

An Untrue Statement.

The immediate occasion for this statemen: was a circular issued by a publishers' bureau in Chicago, that the Post Office Department had ruled that a subscription to any publication entered as second-class matter must be discontinued on expiration of the time for which it has been paid in advance. It is felt at the department that such a misinterpretation of the department al order must be adjudged false on its face. Nevertheless, Mr. Madden has issued general instructions to all postmasters to notify publishers in their respective cities that the above statement is untrue and misrepresents the attitude of the department and that no change has been made in the postal regulations with regard to subscriptions for legitimate second-class publications.

Another story which has been given wide publicity by persons other than those mentioned therein concerns an interview had with the Postmaster General recently by Senator Mason of Illinois, chairman of the Senate committee on post offices and post roads. Senator Mason asked that action be suspended in the case of a particular publication which the department thought might be included among the "premium publication" and which might therefore be denied second-class rates. To that Post-master General Smith assented, with the understanding that the case should be continued to a decision after a hearing to be given certain publishers some time next week by the two congressional committees on the postal system.

On the basis of that interview a state-ment was widely circulated that the department had retreated from its position as to premium publications and had suspended the recent ruling of the Postmaster It was represented, moreover that this step was only preliminary to a complete withdrawal of the order. It has been considered unnecessary to meet such an announcement with a formal denial, but the department regrets exceedingly that its position in the matter should be so persistently misconstrued,

Mr. Madden's Action.

What the department has done and the reasons therefor are set forth by Mr. Madden in the following terms:

"This premium business assumes many phases. Some of them have the appearance of eminent respectability. In one instance some article of merchandise is given is the inducement; in another, it may be a chance to win a large sum of money, or perhaps a fortune, in a guessing contest; in another, the premium proposition is concealed in a combination with some other article which is offered for less than its chased together, or the periodical is itself given as a premium for the purchase the other article. The purpose of all is the same; it is to secure subscriptions which on the bare merit of or the degire Whether the publication be regarded as good or bad is not a question. Such inducement to subscription violates

Purpose of the Statute.

"The whole purpose of the statute is to grant the pound rate only to those periodicals which command subscribers on their subscription price for the periodical alone then it is certain he does not want it. Why when he is forced to accept it either through its combination with another article which he wishes to purchase, or when wants to take part in a guessing con-st and finds that a condition precedent is that of being subscriber to the publication or when some desired article of merchandise is so combined with it that the peri odical appears to be free of cost? practice is responsible for the great over-loading of the mails with pretended newspapers and magazines and other periodi-

No publication has a just claim to be transported at the public expense until it is subscribed for on its independent merit at the price fixed by the publisher. except for deception or to sell the merchandise or to inflate a subscription list should a subscription price be fixed at \$2 per year when an article of merchandise valued at \$2 is to be given for no increase of price? Should not the price of the publication be fixed honestly, so as to make i certain that there shall be no tax upon the people for the distribution of a publication which is not sought for its own sake?

"Alleged subscription lists of fabulous proportions are worked up by this premium process for periodicals which on their naked merit could scarcely command a sinsidizes them and the people are taxed for nearly the whole cost of their transportation, while the publisher grows rich on the high advertising rates he is able to command on his claim of a big subscription list, with perhaps not one actual reader to a hundred copies.

"So long as the premium-induced sub scriber is allowed as 'legitimate' so long will the pound-rate privilege be abused. Stop this by law or by regulation, and all publications, like water, will reach their level. The people may be depended upon to subscribe for a periodical that is wanted, for the transportation of so other should the government pay any portion of the cost. With the stoppage of this abuse others will cease. It is the key to many, especially the so-called 'fakes.'"

MORE ENGINEERS HERE.

Arrival of Company M of the Third Battalion.

The 3d Battalion of Engineers, stationed at Washington barracks, has been completed by the arrival of Company M of that battalion, which had been previously sta-Cloned at West Point, N. Y. The place of this company at West Point has been filled by the arrival of Company C of the 1st Battalion of Engineers, which recently returned to the United States from a long term of service in the Philippines. First Lieut. Harry Burgess, Corps of Engineers, who conducted Company M to this city, has returned to West Point to turn over to Company C the government property for which he is responsible, and on completion thereof will proceed to Jefferson barracks, Ma, for duty.

Painfully Injured.

Mr. James C. Simpson, superintendent of the fire alarm and police patrol electric systems, was painfully hurt by accident pesterday afternoon. His horse ran away near 9th and L streets, throwing him to the ground and injuring his shoulder. and the

UNDER GRAVE CHARGE. Noble Hurdle to Be Tried for Theft of

on the charge of grand larceny. He ad-

months in jail on one occasion, but this ex-perience did not cause him to mend his

Hurdle usually carries with him some

painting material and a putty knife, and his manner of operation, it is stated, is to go to a house where he sees a broken pane of glass and pretend he has been sent to repair the damage. Such was his manner of gaining admittance to the house of Mr.

Martin. He actually made measurements, but did not return with the glass. Soon

after his departure the valuable ring was missed and complaint was made to the po-

Detectives Muller and Baur made an in-

vestigation and reached the conclusion that Hurdle was the man who had taken the

ring, which was recovered in a pawnshop where Hurdle had obtained \$25 on it. Then

he tried to dispose of the ticket, but failed.

This morning he was taken to police head-

quarters, where he was measured and photographed for the gallery. He will be given

CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

Action on Report of Committee on

Local Boycott.

The question of continuing the boycott

recently imposed by the Central Labor

Union on the Washington Traction and

Electric Railway Company was the subject

of an animated discussion at a meeting of

that body last evening. The matter was

brought to the attention of the union by

the report of a special committee which was

appointed several weeks ago to confer with

President McDermott and adjust, if pos-

sible, the differences existing between the

The committee reported that President

ployes have been discharged because they

are members of a union. In cases of the

infraction of the rules of the company, which results in discharge, Mr. McDermott

is reported to have stated, the action of the superintendent is accepted by the com-

pany, but when requested by any one dis-charged he would personally ascertain the cause of dismissal. Mr. McDermott, the

committee states, refused to submit the

question at issue to arbitration, and de-

of settling differences, so far as the com-

lared that he was opposed to that method

After discussion of the report, as stated,

the matter was referred to a special com-mittee, the majority of which reported fa-

vorably to maintaining the company on the

'unfair list," and the report was adopted

by practically a unanimous vote.

Considerable time was devoted to the dis-

cussion of the status of the Amalgamated

Society of Carpenters, the affiliation of that

organization with Carpenters' Assembly, 1748, Knights of Labor, being the basis of

a protest made by the delegates of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, No. 190. The matter was referred to a special committee

because the residents are disfranchised.

He urged as a matter of first importance to

TOOK HALF A DAY OFF.

Bricklayers at Government Printing

Office Quit Work.

ber of laborers employed on the new gov-

ernment printing office, in the course of

construction, left their work at 12:30 this

afternoon. When the roll was called they

refused to answer to their names and they

left the building and took the afternoon to

The employes of the printing office quit

at 12 o'clock. A few minutes later several

persons who are employed at the navy

vard who were passing, announced that

they were to have a half holiday. The

bricklayers thought that they should re-

Timekeeper McGrath asked the men if

they intended to return to work and there was a chorus of "no." Only one man ex-

pressed a desire to comply with the request

of the timekeeper and he was hissed. The

continued at their work throughout the

carpenters employed on the new structure

One of the bricklayers said to an Even-

ing Star reporter that there was dissatis-

faction because they were docked for three

days when they were compelled to lay off at the time of President McKinley's death

and funeral. The solicitor of the treasury gave an opinion that the men could not

legally receive pay for the time they lost.

The men will return to work on Thursday

and they insist that they shall receive pay

CONTINUES TO IMPROVE.

Physicians Encouraged Today by Con-

dition of Mrs. Dennis.

The condition of Mrs. Ada Gilbert Den-

nis was about the same today as it was

yesterday afternoon. She took some nour-

ishment last night and at the noon con-

sultation today the doctors were more fa-

vorably impressed by the symptoms than

they have been at any time since the as-

sault was committed. Her temperature,

it is stated, was normal and her pulse was

The detectives who are doing duty at the

NEGRO ACADEMY.

Officers Elected at the Annual Meet-

ing Last Night.

The fifth annual meeting of the Negro

American Academy closed its session last

night at the Lincoln Memorial Temple, 11th

and R streets northwest. The Right Rev.

Benjamin T. Tanner of Philadelphia, Pa.,

made the invocation, after which routine

work was transacted. A paper was read,

entitled "Manly Discipline an Element in

Higher Education," by Rev. A. W. Pegues,

Ph.D., dean of the theological department

At the night session two papers were read, "The Negre Common School," by Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, professor of history and economics at Atlanta University, Georgia, and "The Early Negro Convention Movement, by Mr. John W. Cromwell of Wash-

The academy adopted the recommends

tion of its committee on education to have a hand book prepared annually of the uni-

of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.

by no means feeble.

not say she will recover.

for a day and a half thus lost.

themselves.

About fifty bricklayers and half the num-

the citizens of the District the

demand for the right of franchise.

McDermott denied the charge that em-

company and organized labor.

a hearing in court tomorrow.

uted his misconduct to liquor.

Ring. Noble Hurdle, a painter and glazier, forty years old, was arrested in a 7th street Serious Revolt in the Ranks of the saloon last night by Detective Flather and turned over to Detectives Muller and Baur Maryland Democrats.

mitted the accusation preferred and attrib-The allegation against him is that he OPPOSITION LED BY MR. STRAUS

GORMAN IS UNEASY

stole a diamond ring valued at \$250 from the house of Mr. Frank Martin, No. 1508 17th street northwest, about the middle of Claim That He Can Defeat Gor-October. Concerning the prisoner's place of abode Detective Muller says he usually sleeps where night overtakes him and reman for Senate. mains the longest where he is treated the best. Hurdle has been in trouble before, it is alleged, but the value of the property taken was not quite enough to afford the court an opportunity to send him to the penitentiary. He is said to have served four

Utte women of the Baptist Churches in the District of Columbia.

The home was incorporated, April, 1880, and has since been known as "The Baptist Home of the District of Columbia."

Through the solicitation of Miss Sarah Wood, who was the first president of the board of lady managers, Mr. W. W. Corcoran donated a lot upon which to build a home. This was upon the condition, how-REPUBLICANS WILL AID

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. BALTIMORE, Md., December 31.-Oppo nents of ex-Senator Gorman and the old ring are today endeavoring to organize their forces in order to influence the gen eral assembly at the session which will convene tomorrow at Annapolis. The republicans are ready to aid with their votes and there is a possibility that enough democrats may follow Mr. Isaac Lobe Straus and vote against the Gorman program and prevent the return of the former senator to Washington. The republicans are anxious to defeat Mr. Gorman and will vote for any democrat named in order to accomplish that purpose.

The democratic leaders are greatly concerned at the situation which faces them. Mr. Straus, who is leading the vote against them, is one of the ablest young men in the state, and his popularity is shown by the fact that he is one of the members elected to the house from Baltimore city. He has always ranked as a regular and has been a strong friend of Mr. Gorman, through whose influence he was induced to accept the nomination last fall.

Claims of the Anti-Gormanites. Opponents of Mr. Gorman claim that with proper effort at least a dozen democratic members can be induced to vote against him when the senatorial election takes

If that should prove true, the senator is not by any means safe. That he is greatly worried is admitted by many of his friends, and he is holding secret conferences today at Rennert's with senators and members of the House in order to find out just where he stands. He has around him his old lieutenants, and they are using all their influence to get the members to make open pledges as to what they will do when the time to settle the senatorship comes along. It is claimed by the anti-Gorman people that many of the democratic members voted for McKin-ley and that most of these men may be induced to vote against Mr. Gorman. However, that may be Mr. Gorman is very uneasy as to the outlook and prospect is that the coming session of the Maryland legislature will be one of most interesting and exciting ever held.

STORM RAGING AT COLON.

Norwegian Vessel Blown Ashore - In-

juries to Docks. COLON, Colombia, December 31 (via Galveston, Tex.).-A strong "norther" began blowing at 5 o'clock last evening and raised a tremendous sea. The steamers, with the exception of the Hero, managed, with difficulty, to leave their piers and reach Porto Bello. The Hero, a Norwegian vessel, Capt. Petersen, from Baltimore, December

for investigation and report at the next meeting of the Central Labor Union. Mr. C. E. Deitrich, the delegate to the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor, submitted a long report of the 12, for Colon, having on board a cargo of coal intended for the Panama Railroad proceedings of that body.

Mr. H. W. Sherman, grand secretary of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, de-Company, was driven ashore at Christophe Colon during the night. The vessel is now in a helpless condition. livered a short address, stating the methods pursued in other central bodies in certain contingencies. Many of the effective and successful methods, Mr. Sherman stated could not be applied in Washington As this dispatch is sent the seas and Much damage has been done to the Pacific Mail Company's dock and to other

TRADE WITH PHILIPPINES.

Necessary to Throw It Open to Ves

If Congress follows the recommendation of the War Department, commerce between the United States and the Philippine Islands, and between the islands themselves. will be thrown open to foreign bottoms for an indefinite period of time. There is already pending in the House legislation looking to the exemption of the traffic between the Philippines and the United States from the operation of the coastwise shipping laws, which requires all trade between United States ports to be carried in American bottoms. At the instance of the War Department, this measure will be amended so as to place the inter-island traffic on the same footing. Meanwhile, and pending conclusive action by Congress, the treasury will continue the order suspending the application of the coastwise shipping laws

The War Department is compelled to take this action respecting foreign bottoms by reason of the fact that there is so small an amount of American tonnage available for the transpacific trade that if called upon immediately to undertake all of the Philippine trade the American owners could not respond, and the trade itself would be almost completely paralyzed. Of course, it is the intention to apply coastwise shipping laws to this trade in future through corrective legislation, if American shipping can be had in sufficient oundance to warrant the change.

AUTHORITATIVELY DENIED.

No Alliance Formed Between Chile and Colombia.

An authoritative denial is made of the report that an alliance has been formed between Chile and Colombia for offensive and defensive purposes. The report of this alliance has been widely circulated. It appears, however, that it grew out of a recent visit of a Chilean commissioner to Bogota, with a view to influencing the fore the congress of American republics at Mexico City. The exchanges were very cordial, and a friendly state of feeling was created between the two countries. But there has been no alliance, secret or otherwise, between them.

MATTER OF TITLE.

hospital were very much encouraged this Opinion of Attorney Duvall Regard afternoon and some of them feel confident that the patient will recover. While the doctors have not abandoned hope, they do ing Land in Unplatted Square. A. B. Duvall, attorney for the District. has submitted an opinion to the Commis William H. Johns reached here yestersioners in which he holds that the title to day in response to a telegram telling him of the previous unfavorable change in his aunt's condition. He visited the hospital land in an unplatted square in the southeast section is a question yet to be deter-mined. The tract of land involved lies south of Georgia avenue between 3d and yesterday afternoon and called there again today. On account of the apparent change for the better in the condition of Mrs. Dennis, the nephew returned home this 4th streets southeast, and according to a communication of the assessor, was recenty designated in a conveyance of record as square south of square 802." The square is not shown on any of the city plats.

Work of the Pension Bureau. A statement issued by the pension bureau this afternoon shows the work of the bureau as follows:

Pensions granted during six months ending December 31 (today):

Account of the war of the rebellion-Invalids, 7,024; widows, 9,184; nurses, 7; war with Spain—invalids, 1,547; widows, 294; war with Mexico—survivors, 8; widows, 149; Indian wars, 1832-42—survivors, 1; widows, 66; old wars prior to 1861—widows, 3; increases and others, 30,018. Total certificates issued, 48,245.

Mr. Gillig Here. Mr. Henry F. Gillig, who for seventeen years managed the American exchange in London, is stopping for a few days at the New Willard. He has many friends in Washington, and, indeed, in every large city, for prior to 1888 almost every American who visited London received a warm welcome at the American exchange. Mr. Gillig this year resumed his former custom of sending at Christmas branches of mistlea hand book prepared annually of the universities, colleges and academies engaged in the instruction of the colored youth.

The following officers were elected for the year: President, W. E. B. DuBois; vice presidents, Kelly Miller, Matthew Anderson, G. M. Grisham and Rev. J. A. Johnson; corresponding secretary, I. W. Cromwell; recording secretary, Rev. L. B. Moore; treasurer, Rev. F. J. Grimke; executive committee, Kelly Miller, ex-officio; Rev. F. J. Grimke; executive committee, Kelly Miller, ex-officio; Rev. F. J. Grimke, Walter B. Hayson and John L. London he was as well known to prominent Englishmen as to Americans. , I nent Englishmen as to Americans. | pany qu

PROPOSED HOUSEWARMING. MARRIAGE A FAILURE Invitations Issued by Managers of Baptist Home.

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AFFAIRS IN GEORGETOWN.

per Potomac.

river front were regarded as favorable to

the passing of the high water without any

damage being done to wharf property. Re-

ports received from the upper Potomac in-

quarters at Baer's Half, corner of 31st and

continuing until midnight. About 300 people

entertaining.

Policeman Trenis espled a colored man this morning, shortly after 5 o'clock, skulking along M street and acting in a very suspicious manner. He overhauled him and

found that the man was carrying a carriage

bridle, nearly new, and two chickens, one

of which had evidently been killed but a short time before. The man could give no satisfactory account of himself, and stated that he killed the chicken because he was

afraid its squawking would give him away.

He was sent to the station and held on a

MR. VAN ANTWERP DEAD.

morning at 2 o'clock at his residence, 2408

14th street northwest. His death is ascribed

to overwork, causing a general breakdown

of his system. While he has been gradual-

ly failing for some time, he took to his bed

only last Friday and sank despite all ef-

Mr. Van Antwerp was well known in

congressional and newspaper circles in

Washington, as he has been actively en-

gaged in newspaper correspondence since

1889. He was an entertaining writer, was

well posted on national politics and had an

unusual capacity for hard work. For sev-

eral years he worked from 9 o'clock in

the morning until after midnight and some

times would be called out again before

morning by dispatches from his paper. This

was while he was representing a San Fran-

cisco morning paper, as well as eastern afternoon papers. It was thought by his

friends that it was during this period of

made inroads upon his constitution which

Mr. Van Antwerp was born in New York city in 1860. His father, shortly after his

birth, was called to the front and was later

killed in one of the engagements of the

civil war. When he was about fourteer years of age his mother died, and he lived

with relatives in New York until he went

Hearing of an opening in Minneapolis

he went to that city and secured employ-

Shortly after this he began to write ar-

ticles for the paper and his work soon at-

tracted the attention of the editorial de-

His articles on state politics were widely copied, and he soon familiarized himself with the national questions of the day and

writers in the state. He was offered the

Washington bureau of the paper in 1889.
After he came to Washington Mr. Van

Antwerp married the daughter of Judge

Noah, a well-known journalist of this city

one child.

and is survived by Mrs. Van Antwerp and

A meeting of the corps of Washington

correspondents was held this afternoon in

the office of Mr. Charles A. Boynton of the

Associated Press to take action in relation

to the death of Mr. Van Antwerp. Mr Elmer E. Paine, chairman of the standing

committee of correspondents, who presided spoke of the high standing and persona

SCIENTIFIC SUBJECTS DISCUSSED.

Papers Read to the Astronomical and

Lick observatory. A number of the papers

were illustrated with stereopticon views. At

ASSAULTED A WOMAN.

Thomas Green Held on a Serious

nitted to jail today from the Police Court

on a charge of assault. Gertrude Docker,

also colored, the complaining witness, is

at the Emergency Hospital and was unable

Green met the woman yesterday after-

leged that he kicked her in the stomach

after an altercation.

The prisoner will have a hearing in court when the woman is able to leave the hos-

THOMPSON WILL FILED.

will of the late John W. Tho

was today admitted to probate, the caveat

recently filed thereto being withdrawn. The American Security and Trust Com-

n on 3d street southwest, and it is al-

o appear in court.

ment in the business office of the Minneapo

forts to rally his strength.

charge of suspicion. ...

dicate that there is not much danger.

than at normal conditions.

conditions this morning along the

The board of lady managers of the Bap-tist home, No. 3248 N street northwest, have issued invitations for a housewarm-So Say the Many Who Applied for ing and reopening of the institution tomorrow. The reception will last from 1 to 6 o'clock during the afternoon. Donations of Divorces Today.

money or groceries will be most gratefully received. Mrs. W.H. Hoeke is president of BRISK BUSINESS AT THE COURT HOUSE

The initial action for the establishment of this home was taken in the autumn of 1879, by Mrs. M. Gray, when she conveyed the property, No. 55 H street northwest, in trust, to Mr. R. C. Fox, to be used as a home for the aged, feeble and destitute women of the Baptist Churches in the District of Columbia. Applicants Take Advantage of Last Opportunity Under Present Law.

VARIOUS CAUSES ALLEGED

Petitions for divorce to the number of forty-one had been filed up to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. The record for the entire day yesterday was thirty-eight. It is thought that fully half a hundred petitions will have been placed on record today when the office of the clerk of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia closes at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

coran donated a lot upon which to build a home. This was upon the condition, however, that if it was not erected within a reasonable time the lot should revert to the estate. Not being able to comply with the terms, the idea was abandoned. The heirs afterward gave a quit claim. The gift proved not to be a suitable focation, however, and in 1888 the board of trustees purchased, for \$11.00, the present property known as the Weish mansion, having a frontage on N street of 65 feet by a depth of 150 feet. The new code of law goes into effect January 2, and by its provisions absolute divorce will be granted only on the ground of infidelity. Most of the petitions filed today alleged desertion or cruel treatment.

> Petitions Filed. Julia I. Edwards, through Attorney M. F. Clinkscales, against George W. Edwards. Desertion is alleged.

of 150 feet.

The cost of this building is between \$13,000 and \$14,000. There is now a mortgage of \$4,000 upon the property, for which the home is making an appeal for aid.

Thirteen memorial rooms have been furnished, as follows: "Mary Thompson Rider," "Judith Ann McCall," "Catherine C. Emmerich," "Ernest Callahan," "Irene Nichols Wade," "Green Clay Smith," "John and Ellen Hazard," "Isabella Higgins," "Elizabeth S. Steward," "Charlotte G. Darlington," "Lincoln Bradford," "Sarah E. Libbie K. Knudsen, through Attorney Kirkwood Flora, against Peter Knudsen. Cruel treatment is charged. Mrs. Knudlington," "Lincoln Bradford," "Sarah E. Cole," "Catherine J. Hinton," "Jennie K. Hickney Dining Room" and the "R. H. Taylor Library." sen informs the court that on one occasion in order to escape from the fury of her husband, she was compelled to leap from a window and spend the night locked in a shed in the rear of her house.

Charles W. Geddes, through the same attorney, against Katherine Geddes. Infi-Reports Regarding the Flood in Up-

attorney, against Katherine Geddes. Infidelity is alleged.

Bessie M. Lipphard, through Attorneys
R. W. Wells and H. Prescott Gatley,
against Frederick A. Lipphard. The partles were married July 17, 1895. At the
time the petitioner was only fifteen years
old and the defendant seventeen years. A.
week after the ceremony, so Mrs. Lipphard
charges her husband described her. charges, her husband deserted her.

Rosa B. Lanham, through Attorney Wm.

At the office of the Washington aqueduct it was ascertained that the river at Great Earl Ambrose, against Henry Joseph Lanham. Desertion and infidelity are alleged.

Ida S. Stetson, through Attorney E. L. Gies, against Walter S. Stetson. Cruel Falls is about five feet higher at the dam The ladies of Division No. 2 of the Antreatment, infidelity and desertion are alcient Order of Hibernians gave a reception to their friends last evening in their head-

ward G. Niles, against Clarence O. Hagan. Desertion, cruelty and habitual drunken-M streets, commencing at 8 o'clock and Mattie M. Stewart, through the same attorney, against Walter S. Stewart. Desertion and cruelty are alleged. were present and enjoyed the hospitality of the auxiliary. Refreshments were served, and a program rendered which was highly

Jessie B. Acker, through Attorneys Henry E. Davis, M. H. Beach and L. J. Mather, against William J. Acker. The parties were against William J. Acker. The parties were married in December, 1889.

Mary L. Arnold, through Attorney Wil-liam T. S. Curtis, against Francis S. Ar-nold. Desertion is alleged.

Mary E. Dunlap, through Attorney Chas.
B. Calvert, against Leslie H. Dunlap. De-Bessie B. Watson, through Attorney R. P. Evans, against George S. Watson. De-

Charlotte B. Valentine, through Attorneys E. J. Bernhard and C. E. Emig, against Waldo W. Valentine. Desertion is Husband Alleges Cruel Treatment.

sertion is alleged.

Mr. Thomas Fleming, an old Georgetown boy, was in the city for a brief time during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Herman Dierkes has been in the city John Hewins, through Attorney C. E. on a short visit. He left for his home in Emig, against Elizabeth Hewins. Cruel Boston Sunday evening.

The little son of Mr. William O. Drew of treatment, embracing the throwing of mis-32d street, who was so severely burned last slies at him and threats to cut his throat Thursday, is reported to be improving rapis alleged. Louisa V. Johnson, through Attorney L.

M. King, against Alexander Johnson. Nonsupport and desertion are alleged. Charlotte Harris, through Attorneys Turner and Mitchell and J. H. O'Donnell, against Stephen Harris, cruel treatment, Laura A. Carpenter, through Attorney L.

M. King, against Thomas B. Carpenter, cruel treatment and desertion are alleged. Emma Acton, through Attorney Camp bell Carrington, against Andrew L. Acto cruel treatment and resertion are alleged. Walter Nervis, through Attorney Thomas L. Jones, against Sarah Nervis, desertion is alleged Phillis Gatewood, through the same at-

torney, against James Gatewood, cruel treatment and desertion are alleged. Charles Hamilton, through the same atorney, against Mary Hamilton, desertion

Variety of Charges. Mary Ellen Johnson, through Attorney G.

F. Collins, against Pleasant W. Johnson. Cruel treatment, desertion and infidelity are alleged. Thomas H. Clarke, through Attorney T. L. Jeffords, against Lucille P. Clarke, Desertion is alleged. Jessie E. Duryea, through Attorney E. B. Hay, against Morris J. Duryea. Desertion

John H. Eliason, through the same attorney, against Clara C. Eliason. The ground alleged is desertion. Emma K. Cochran, through the same at-

torney, against James P. Cochran. The ground alleged in this case is also deser-Lelia M. Brett, through Attorneys Baker and Sherrill, against William H. Brett. De-

sertion is alleged. Edgar H. Becker, through Attorney E. G. Niles, against Mary Virginia Becker, Habit. ual drunkenness, c cruel treatment and in-Alice Reed, through Attorney O. P. M. Brown, against John Francis Reed. It is

scharged that the defendant willfully deserted the petitioner.

Lovie J. Wilson, through Attorney Ellen S. Mussey, against D. Webster Wilson. The parties were married in December, 1890, and have three children. According to Mrs. Wilson, her husband deserted her December 27, 1899. With her children she was in Galveston, Texas, at the time of the disaster in September, 1900, says Mrs. Wilson and they were left homeless and destitute. Upon reaching Washington, so states Mrs. Wilson, her husband refused to live with

H. Budlong, against William Stranahan. band's general treatment of her became so intolerable, debased and disgraceful that she could not longer live with him. qualities of the deceased. A committee consisting of Mr. John P. Miller, Charles A. Arthur C. Hollinger, through Attorney A. B. Webb, against Clara B. Hollinger. Cruel Hamilton and W. W. Jermane was appointed to take suitable action in connection with the funeral. The Washington correspondents will attend in a body. treatment and desertion are alleged. Susan H. Langley, through Attorney R. M. Parker, against Wm. E. Langley. It is charged that the husband was guilty

serted her.

Charles G. Patterson, through Attorney
A. A. Hoehling, jr., against Frances E. Patterson. The ground alleged is desertion.

Mary P. Melick, through Attorneys A. A.
Sellhausen and Edward McCalmont, against Astrophysical Society.

The second day's session of the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of Amerohn M. Melick. The charge against the ica at the Cosmos Club today was devoted defendant is desertion.

Sarah Russell, through Attorney J. F. entirely to papers on scientific subjects. Among those who read papers were Prof. Howe, Dr. Davis and Prof. Campbell of the

Bundy, against William A. Russell. Desertion is alleged.

Ada T. Arundell, through Attorneys, Kimball, Potbury & White and J. W. Rawlings, against Treatment. The allegation Frank A. Lyons, through Attorney S. Duncan Bradley, against Catherine Josephine Lyons. The latter, it is charged, is an habitual drunkard and has been guilty of infidelity.

Cruelty and Desertion. Cecella B. McElfresh, through Attorneys Howard Boyd and William R. Haw, against Charles Henry McElfresh. The charge is cruel treatment.

Myrtle E. Davis, through Attorneys Davis and Tucker, against Edgar E. Davis. Desertion is alleged. Pearl M. Ferguson, through Attorneys H. Boyd and W. R. Harr, against James E. Ferguson. The charge advanced is cruel treatment. Mary Williams against John Williams.

Cruel treatment is alleged.

James D. McRide, through Attorneys P.

A. Bowen, jr., Philip Tindall and F. C.

Handy, against Alice E. McBride. Desertion is alleged.

Fannie Groves, through Attorneys Duck-ett & Dent, against William A. Groves. Deertion is alleged.

John Lewis, through Attorneys Turner & Mitchell, against Fannie Lewis. The charge MARSHAL TAKES OATH.

Mr. Auliek Palmer Sworn in and His Bond Approved.

Mr. Aulick Palmer, recently appointed United States marshal for the District of Columbia, today subscribed to the oath of office. He submitted his official bond, which was approved by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia sitting in general term.

The court teday also approved the bond of Mr. James H. Harris, who yesterday was reappointed warden of the District jail. A table of fees to be charged by the United States marshal for services rendered to justices of the peace was today romulgated by the court.

The court in general term today also approved the locating of officers by justices of the peace as follows:

Lewis I. O'Neal, 500 7th street southwest; Samuel C. Mills, 1316 14th street; Halbert E. Paine, 1323 32d street.

DEATH OF MRS. EDLA C. MUIR. Daughter of Late Senator McPherson-

Well Known Here. A dispatch from New York last night says: Mrs. Ella Coleman Muir, daughter of the late Senator McPherson of New Jersey, is dead at the Manhattan Hotel, this

Mrs. Muir suffered from pneumonia, complicated with measles. Two months ago Mrs Muir left the Hotel Majestic, where she stopped following her return from Europe late in the summer. She went to the Manhattan Hotel, but spent most of her time with friends in New Jersey.

Mrs. Muir was well known in Washing ton. She made her debut during her father's service in the Senate, and at once became very popular in social circles.

Marriage Licenses. Marriage licenses have been issued to the following:

White-Samuel C. Cropley and Clara O. Libbey; G. W. Oscar Allen of Cumberland, Md., and Emily M. Donges of this city Philip T. Kuhn and Della M. Stull, both of Frederick, Md.; Wm. R. Jones of Petersburg, Va., and Grace E. Pasteurs of Surry county, Va.; George E. Roberts and Mary R. Maryman; Wm. W. Burroughs of St. Mary's county, Md., and Katherine B. Brewer of Annapolis, Md.; Harvey L. Allen and Phillippa T. Dean, both of Alexandria Va.; Geo.T.Stormont and Beatrice Cox; Monroe Proffitt and Ethel M. Springmann; Ellis Logan of this city and Grace R. Boynton of Sterling, Ill.; John C. Matheny of Highland county, Va., and Lenore E. Bird of land county, Va., and Lenore E. Bird of this city; George G. Bragnier and Nellie C. Hager; Wm. M. Yager and Mary E. Cur-tiss, both of Culpeper C. H., Va.; Daniel H. Folk and Moilie E. Wintermoyer, both of Shepherdstown, W. Va.; Walter B. Wad-dey, jr., and Letitia Cole. Colored—Samuel Berry and Rosa Smith; John Adams and Annie Howard; James Brown and Lena Kelley; Daniel Williams and Golden Gibbs; Daniel Frazier and Au-gusta Foultz: Thomas E. Todd and Geor-

gusta Foultz: Thomas E. Todd and Geor gianna Harriday; James Bundy and Ruth Chambers; James Summerville and Eliz-abeth Matthews; Caesar Alexander and Martha Winfield; Joseph Young and Bessie Mackali; William Brown and Sarah Boyd; Elijah Reynolds and Susie Jones Julian Brown and Evalina Jackson; James W. Harris and Margaret E. Cooper; James W. Purcell and Mary E. Wells; James G. Clark and Florence J. Webster; Sheffield Thompson and Mary Cunningham, both of New York city; George S. Allen and Clara

School Building Damaged by Fire. The Garnet public school building at 10th and U streets northwest, was damaged to the amount of about \$200 by fire last night. A blaze was discovered in the hallway on the second floor about 11:30 o'clock and a local alarm of fire was turned in. No. engine company responded, and the firemen succeeded in saving the building only

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The fire had started near a radiator,
and had burned through the floor, quantities of plaster and charred wood dropping
through to the first floor. Fortunately, the building was closed, and there was enough air in the inclosure to assist the fire in its destructive work. The damage will be repaired in a few days.

Talked With Commissioners Representative Elmer Jacob Burkett o Lincoln, Nebraska, called upon the District Commissioners today and talked over with them the subject of appropriations for the coming fiscal year. Representative Burkett is a member of the House subcom mittee on appropriations, which has called upon the Commissioners to state where the estimates should be cut to bring them with

Schedule Submitted.

The computing engineer has submitted to the Commissioners a schedule of proposals for grading Connecticut avenue from Columbia road to Wyoming avenue and California avenue from Columbia road west-ward. He has recommended the acceptance of the bid of the Colburn Paving Company, it being the lowest received.

Torpedo Boats Accepted.

The Navy Department announced today the final acceptance of the tornedo boats Barney and Bagley, built at the Bath

U. S. Marshal's Appointments. The United States marshal for the District of Columbia this afternoon announced

the following appointments: James T. Caulk, appointed deputy and as Charles H. Hughes, appointed deputy in place of John Lancaster. The latter was recently appointed, but failed to accept. Bertran Emerson, appointed deputy to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of

John Callahan appointed watchman. Frank Lewis transferred from messenger to watchman. Charles H. Doing transferred from watch man to messenger.

00 at 16%. District of Columbia Bonds—8.65s, funding, 125%

dd, 430 asked. Metropolitan, *725 bid. Central, 235 bid. Farmers and Mechanics', *280 bid. Sec. ad, *170 bid. Citizens', 185 bid. Columbia, *1784d, 190 asked. Capital, *150 bid, 170 asked. West and, *128 bid, 130 asked. Traders', *130 bid, incoln, *126 bid, 135 asked. Riggs, 610 bid, 750 ched.

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second preferred has been earned, and some time during the coming year there should be some developments in that issue. An effort to retire it and bring the com-

but there was some selling to take profits in speculative accounts. The injunction against the retirement of Northern Pacific preferred stock had little effect on the market. J. P. Morgan & Company announced early in the day that they were prepared to take the stock at par. The

The Gould stocks generally were only steady, and there is continued confidence in

ing prices under a demand quite as confi-dent in character as any to be seen in the street. Denials of a desire to secure

The money rate advanced to 15 per cent during the morning, and the volume of business fell off in consequence. Later in the day, when this rate was cut in half, new buying appeared in all the specialties. The money flurries of the last ten days have come more nearly being ignored than any previous action in several years. The reason for this is that bankers, as a rule, are confident that the prevailing conditions are only temporary.

New York Stock Market. Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., bankers and brokers, 1419 F st., members New York stock exchange, Washington stock ex-

change and Chicago board of trade High. Low. Clos

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hicago Great Western Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul Chicago, Rock I. & P.... olorado Fuel and Iron... Consolidated Gas...... Delaware and Hudson

Illinois Central..... Louisville & Nashyille... Manhattan Elevated ..

Pennsylvania R R...

St L and S Francisco... St L and S. Fran, 2d pfd

Texas Pacific.... Union Pacific.... nion Pacific, pfd.....

Wabash, pfd...... Western Union......

*Ex. div., 2%.

Grain, Provisions and Cotton Mark CHICAGO, December 31 .- Grain

Money Rate at One Time Reached 15 Per Cent.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

FINANCE AND TRADE

Good Demand for Railway Shares.

Particularly Coalers.

DEMAND FOR THE GOULD STOCKS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, December 31.-There was ome confusion in the price movement in today's stock market, growing out of the evening up of contracts, and, in some in-stances, a demand for stocks expected to become active during the new year. As was the case yesterday, the strength of a few issues was taken advantage of as a cloak for realizing in the general list. London was a free seller during the day, the total selling being estimated at 35,000 shares,

while the purchases were only 5,000 shares. Locally the interest centered in the coal Locary the interest centered in the coarstocks, the buying of Erie becoming a conspicuous feature of the day. The demand for all three issues was credited to inside sources and was based upon the prospects of the full dividend being declared upon the first preferred stock. The dividend on the

mon stock within range of dividends is said to be contemplated. Reading issues showed some realizing, but held remark-ably well in view of the recent advance. The high-priced coal issues were steady,

actual date for retiring the issue has been fixed for Thursday, and the funds are already in hand to meet the payments.

The buying of Missouri Pacific was said to be for inside account, but the stock was in fair supply at every fractional advance.

steady, and there is continued countries their prospects for next year.

Southern railway issues were active during the morning under a fair demand from sources usually active in the more important movements in these shares. Good tant movements in these shares. Good earnings and the payment of the full 5 per cent on the preferred stock during the first half of the year are the factors behind the

brokers has given rise to rumors of a new deal in western railroads. Atchison is also well bought at advanc-

the street. Denials of a desire to secure control of this property are heard in various sources, but the system is entirely too important to be long ignored. Its capacity for independent action suggests the wisdom of an alliance with a strong eastern trunk line The industrial list was steady, but the best business went into the railroads.

Brooklyn Rap, Transit... Canadian Pacific....... Central of New Jersey....

Some buying of Rock Island by Morgan

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

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165¼ 84¾ 57 100 45 167% 85% 57% Norfolk and Western.... Northern Pacific, pfd..... Pacific Mail Steamship... People's Gas of Chicago Pressed Steel Car.....

outhern Railway, pfd.

Baltimore Markets.

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Baltimore, Md., December 31.—Flour firm, unchanged; receipts, 16,714 barrels; exports, 200 barrels. Wheat strong; spot and the month, 84%, 84%; January, 84%, 855; February, 85%, 85%; May, 86%, 856%; steamer No. 2 red, 81%, 885%; receipts, 9,536 busnels; exports, none; southern by sample, 75a85%; southern on grade, 82%, 885%; Corn strong; mixed, apot, 66%, 66%; rear and January, 66%, 66%; May, 68%, 68%; seamer mixed, 65%, 665%; receipts, 21,874 bushels; exports none; southern white privalence of the seamer mixed, 65%, 65%; receipts, 21,874 bushels; exports none; southern white privalence of the seamer mixed, 65%, 65%; receipts, 21,874 bushels; exports none. By exports firm, 15,684 bushels; exports, none. By exports, 4,184 bushels; exports none. Bay dull; No. 1 timethy, \$15,50a, \$16,00. Greft freights quiet; steam to Liverpool, per bushel, 1½d. January; Cork for orders, per quarter, 2s. January, Butter firm, unchanged; fancy imitation, 18a19; fancy creamery, 25a26;

Baltimore Markets

Amer. Locomotive pfd...